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UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH'S INFORMATION LETTER

**VA NOTICE, 06-1 VETERANS ON WHOSE BEHALF VA PAYS PER DIEM TO
STATES FOR CARE IN STATE VETERANS HOMES**

1. This Information Letter summarizes the law that establishes which veterans are eligible for per diem payments. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays per diem to States for the care of eligible veterans.
2. For purposes of VA per diem payments to States, eligible veterans are veterans who are eligible to enroll in the VA health care system, whether enrolled or not. For example, Priority Group 8 veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA Health Care System for the State Home to receive per diem payment for their care. They simply need to be eligible under VA regulations governing the State Home Per Diem Program.
3. VA pays per diem to States for the care of veterans irrespective of whether the veterans have wartime or peacetime military service. Admission requirements for State Veteran Homes are determined exclusively by the State. For example, some States accept all eligible veterans, and some States accept only war veterans.
4. References
 - a. Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 51 and 52, Per Diem for Nursing Home Care and Adult Day Health Care of Veterans in State Homes (see <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Reference/>).
 - b. VA Manual M-1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Change 1, State Veterans' Homes, Section II. Eligibility for VA Aid for Care in State Veterans Homes (see http://vaww1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=774).
 - c. Title 38 CFR§17.46, Eligibility for hospital, domiciliary, or nursing home care of persons discharged or released from active military, naval, or air service (see http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/Regs/38CFR/BookI/Part17/s17_46.doc).
 - d. VA Form 10-10EZ Application for Health Benefits and VA Form 10-10SH State Home Program Application for Care, Medical Certification (see www.va.gov/forms/medical/searchlist.asp).

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5. Questions may be directed to Jacquelyn Bean, Chief, State Home Per Diem Program, at (202) 273-8598, or e-mail at Jackie.bean@va.gov.

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